

Iolani Palace
King and Richards Streets
Honolulu
Honolulu County
Hawaii

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Hawaii	COUNTY Honolulu	TOWN OR VICINITY Honolulu
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Iolani Palace		HABS NO. HI-1
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) King & Richards Streets (in center of "Palace Square," bordered by King, Richards, Hotel, and Punchbowl Streets).		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Dec. 1879 - cornerstone laid Dec. 1882 - completed	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Thos. J. Baker, Charles J. Wall, Isaac Moore	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Residence of the last two royal rulers of Hawaii. Scene of transfer of government to the United States in 1898. From 1898 to 1960s, the palace served as the capitol of Hawaii. When built, the palace was the most elaborate structure in the Hawaiian Islands.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Modified Italianate/Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, faced with cement. Concrete block trim. Cast-iron columns and railings		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) (See HABS drawings). Overall dimensions are 139'-7" x 99'-3"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Four corner towers with mansard roofs; two taller central towers on long facades; two-tiered cast-iron porticoes (lanais) between towers on all sides; elaborate decorative trim, including quoins, bracketed cornices, window frames.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Free-standing grand stairway; throne room. Extensive use of rare woods. Etched glass panels in doors contain representations of Hawaiian flora and fauna. Elaborate plaster cornices and ceilings.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1929-30: steel and reinforced concrete framing replaced original wooden framing. Restored after capitol moved to new building in 1970s. A complete list of alterations may be found on pages 102-103 of George Moore et. al.: <u>Iolani Palace Restoration</u> (Honolulu, 1970)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Museum, in excellent condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See HABS field records accompanying this report for reprints of several articles giving additional architectural and historical information.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Iolani Palace is a National Historic Landmark. See "Major Alterations and Additions with Dates" above for a major bibliographic reference; also see HABS field records accompanying this report.		
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